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## MITCHELL ANNOUNCES CHARGES HE EXPECTS TO PROVE, TRIAL

### THREE CONVICTS MAKE BREAK AT WASHINGTON PEN.

One Life Term and 2 Convicted Robbers Scale Walls—Escape in the Fog.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 9.—Ward Daniels, life term, who killed a Seattle policeman in 1921; Ernest Browning and Frank Holmes, serving ten to twenty years robbery sentences, escaped from the state penitentiary hospital at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, after binding the hospital steward and four trustees.

The guard saw them climb the walls but said his gun jammed. The three prisoners tore three dozen sheets into strips, broke up a door and bed spring to make a ladder which they used in scaling the walls.

Browning and Holmes are in the last stages of tuberculosis. Browning is only able to speak in a whisper. Holmes is a powerful man.

A posse started five minutes after the prison break but the three prisoners escaped in the fog.

### Tallest Smokestack Completed in B. C.

TRAIL, B. C., Nov. 9.—There has recently been completed at Trail what is recognized as America's tallest smokestack. It was built for the Consolidated Mining and Smelting company and is 400 feet in height. The Consolidated has been making some large additions to plants here and the new stack is but one feature.

### Seattle Student Spends \$10 Getting to Boston

BOSTON, Nov. 9.—It cost Otto L. Churney of Seattle, a mere \$10 to cross the continent to resume his studies at Boston University's School of Medicine.

Churney boarded a boat in Seattle, planning to work his way to Boston, by water. But the crew proved too numerous and he was sent back to shore. Hopping a freight train, he rode as far as Milwaukee in a box car.

From Milwaukee he sailed to Chicago in a lake boat. Then he picked up automobile rides as far as Albany, N. Y. Most of his \$10 was spent as railroad fare from Albany to Boston.

Churney, who is a sophomore, was president of his class last year.

### Miss Swanson Expected To Join United Artists

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 9.—The United Artists, comprising Charles Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford and other producing stars, expect to be joined by Gloria Swanson at the expiration of her present contract.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5.—Liabilities of \$296,838 and assets of \$198,336 were listed in a schedule filed in federal court by the Charles Ray Production, Inc., organized to produce films featuring the actor, Charles Ray. The corporation was adjudged bankrupt last month after an involuntary petition had been filed.

### OIL FIELD BOILERS PRODUCE HIGH PRESSURE ON "COLD" GAS

SNYDER, Tex., Nov. 9.—A vast reservoir of "cold," non-inflammable gas has been discovered in the oil fields of this section and is being used to operate machinery and pumps.

The gas is said to insure the most economical operation in the history of oil production. Small wells, which otherwise would require more oil for their boilers than they would produce are now operating at a profit.

For a time the gas mystified oil men and chemists, but it finally has been analyzed as an air containing about 93 per cent nitrogen.

One of the strange sights here is to see boilers producing pressure without fire. The gas is run into the boilers and in two minutes a pressure of 125 pounds is attained. From the boiler the "air" is carried under pressure through the usual steam lines to pumps and machinery.

### Legs Thin, King Bars Portrait



The portrait of King George, by Charles Sims, on exhibition in New York, was removed from the Royal Academy's walls in London by the King himself. It is said the King felt the spindly legs in the portrait monopolized attention that should have been given the face.

### REACH SEWARD FROM SIBERIA GOING SOUTH

Five Men Aboard Two Mast-ed Schooner in Command of Captain Weeding.

SEWARD, Alaska, Nov. 9.—Garbed in Russian clothing, Kenneth Price, George Hunter, E. J. Ketchum, John Aleshin and George Kulink, have arrived here aboard the two masted schooner Chukatsk, Capt. Harry Weeding, 15 days out of Petropavlosk, Siberia, bound for Seattle via the inside passage. The schooner has a cargo of furs, ermine, sable, squirrels, bear and fox.

Hunter, who is the agent for the Olaf Swenson company at Anadir, having been there since 1921, has been the only American at that place during the past two years. He expects to return in the spring.

Ketchum has been agent at Petropavlosk for three years and he said: "I am going back next year. The country has a great future but there is little mining activity now. Large companies are considering the advisability of entering the region."

Price is the 17-year-old son of C. H. Price, of Seattle, where he left as a mess boy last April on the schooner Apollo. Arriving at Petropavlosk, he left the boat, visited Vladivostok and other towns. "I learned to talk Russian, but I'm glad to get home again," said Price.

Aleshin and Kulink are Russian sailors, both known at Nome. They have their first citizenship papers. Both men were wrecked and stranded on the Siberian Coast when the schooner Ram piled up on the beach.

Capt. Weeding states there is a great improvement along the coast, lots of officials, but the soldiers are being withdrawn. The capital of Siberia is now Khabarovsk, approximately 200 miles from Vladivostok, on the railroad. Salmon canneries and also salteries are located on the coast.

The fish industry is practically operated by Japanese, Capt. Weeding said. "Siberia is similar to Alaska," Capt. Weeding said, "Much red tape."

ITALIAN DEBT SETTLEMENT NEAR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Secretary of Treasury Mellon and Senator Smoot told President Coolidge this afternoon that every indication points to a settlement of the Italian debt.

### Clarence Darrow Admits He Takes Intoxicants Now

DETROIT, Nov. 9.—Clarence Darrow addressing 1500 negroes at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday said: "I used to drink before prohibition, moderately. I still do. The Volstead Act has not seemed to have the slightest effect on my appetite."

### WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE MEETS TODAY

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 9.—Interest in the opening of the special state Legislature today centered in the fight for Chief Clerk of the House which is expected to delay organization of the Legislature. Consequently the delay in organizing will also delay the reading of Gov. Hartley's message.

### Missing Man Turns Up; Busy Hunting, Prospecting

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 9.—John Blevins, formerly of Bellingham, reported missing a few days ago, came here yesterday. He said he had been too busy prospecting for gold in the Wlado Hills and hunting deer in Applegate Valley, to write regarding his whereabouts.

### Seattle Municipal Car Receipts Stolen

SEATTLE, Nov. 9.—Two armed men bound and gagged three employees of the Seattle Municipal Railway as they entered the Fremont barn this morning and took their truck which contained the street car receipts, estimated at more than \$9,000. The truck was found empty, five blocks away from the barn.

### Fifth Man in Nanaimo Bank Robbery Sentenced

NANAIMO, B. C., Nov. 9.—William Bagley was today sentenced to 10 years and 20 lashes for complicity in the \$42,000 Nanaimo bank robbery making a total of five men convicted. The others were Johnson, Stone, Castro and Gorman.

### SEVERE QUAKE FELT SATURDAY WEST ALASKA

Earth Disturbance Follows Eruption of Mount Shishandini.

CORDOVA, Alaska, Nov. 9.—According to wireless advices received here late Saturday night, an extremely severe quake was felt in the vicinity of Cape Sarichef immediately following Mount Shishandini erupting.

The smoke was so dense that it formed a cloud in a clear sky over Dutch Harbor in the morning and it was smoky in the evening.

### FIVE WOMEN FOUND DEAD

HIBBING, Minn., Nov. 9.—Five women, hotel employees, were found dead in their rooms yesterday. The gas jets were open but a coroner's inquest has been called to determine if wine the women had been drinking was poisoned.

### New Senator



While many expected Albert J. Beveridge to be appointed to the seat of the late Senator Ralston, Arthur R. Robinson, a not widely known lawyer of Indianapolis, was selected.

### UNIQUE PARK IS PROPOSED

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 9.—The sub-er-toothed, tiger and the imperial furred elephant once roamed through a jungle just south of what now is Hollywood. A glimpse of Southern California as it was then will be afforded when the prehistoric park planned by the Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art becomes a reality.

Years ago scientists found in some asphalt beds on the Rancho La Brea, fossil bones of animals of the pleistocene period. Exploration indicated that probably hundreds of thousands of years ago these jungle inhabitants had blundered into the sticky asphalt. Unable to extricate themselves they had died. Other victims followed them.

The bones of these animals were pressed into the clutching pits until up a veritable storehouse of fossil skeletons. Here the scientists have found the bones of many prehistoric jungle animals, skeletons of which may be seen at the museum.

Twenty-seven acres in which the pits were found were donated for a public park. The park plans call for the planting of trees and shrubbery as nearly as possible like those which existed at the time of the sub-er-toothed tiger and his contemporaries. Reproduction of the animals in stone will be mounted and placed in the reconstructed jungle.

### In the News of the Day



SIR JAMES DRUMMOND



DR. CHARLES H. MAYO



MRS. GURNEE MUNN



SAMUEL WARRINER

Sir Eric Drummond, secretary-general of the League of Nations, called the Council to act on the Greek and Bulgarian tangle. Dr. Charles H. Mayo, American surgeon, has been named an officer of the Legion of Honor. Mrs. Gurnee Munn, of New York, who is said to have the ideal figure for the latest Paris fad, the bustle. No coal peace is near, according to Samuel D. Warriner, chairman of the Anthracite Operators' Conference.

### Alaskan Released From Prison; Served 20 Years

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 9.—Hugo Perovich, who killed a man named Jacob, September 15, 1905, at the mouth of Deadman's Slough, near Fairbanks, Alaska, will be freed today after serving four years in an Alaska jail and 16 years in the Federal Penitentiary here, on a writ of habeas corpus.

### TIGER'S PAW KILLS WOMAN

MANCHESTER, Eng., Nov. 9.—Mrs. Amert, woman keeper of the Bellevue Zoological Gardens, entered the tiger's den to clean it out and forgot to close the trap door shutting off the tiger. The beast pounced upon her and killed her with one blow of the paw.

### Olympia Department Store, Robbed of Cash

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 9.—Sometime between Saturday night and Sunday morning, thieves entered the J. G. Penny Department store and obtained \$4,600 of which all but \$1100 was in cash. The robbers pried open a rear window and found the money hid behind goods on a shelf.

### New Zinc Plant Is Promised for B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 9.—Plans are well advanced for the establishment of a new zinc reduction plant in the Kootenai country, according to information received by the British Columbia chamber of mines. The initial unit will be capable of producing daily ten tons of electrolytic zinc. The company is known as the Canadian Metals Extraction Company, Ltd., and is financed by English capital. The mill will be capable of extension to 100 tons' capacity.

### COL. MITCHELL HAS 6 CHARGES HE WILL PROVE

Makes Announcement Through His Attorney, Congressman Reid.

### FALSE TESTIMONY OF OFFICERS, ONE CHARGE

Claims Efforts Made to Have Mrs. Lansdowne Give False Testimony.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Col. William Mitchell today announced through his counsel, Congressman Frank B. Reid, of Illinois, that he is prepared to prove the dirigible Shenandoah went on the fatal Western trip, unit and against the will of Commander Lansdowne and that a naval officer sought to have Mrs. Lansdowne, the widow, give false testimony; that those who arranged the Hawaiian flight were "incompetent"; that high Army and Navy officers testified falsely before the committees of Congress; that Mitchell was demoted and transferred because he told the truth and that Government aviators were put to unnecessary hazards, as a result of which many were killed.

Congressman Reid asked Major General Amos A. Fries, Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service, how much gas it would take to gas an area the size of the District of Columbia.

Col. Sherman Moreland, prosecutor, objected, but the Court sustained the defense for the first time during the trial.

Major Gen. Fries then answered that Brigadier General Hugh Drum, Assistant Chief of General Staff, was mistaken when he told the House Aircraft Committee it would take 1,340,000 pounds.

Fries said Drum consulted nobody of the Chemical Warfare Service when testifying before the House Committee. Fries stated that 20 tons of tear gas "was several times the amount necessary" to force evacuation of the District of Columbia.

Capt. Herbert Ordys told the court martial the "personnel and equipment" in Hawaii bears the ratio of 1 to 5 of what is necessary but does not know what the ratio is at present.

The court overruled the testimony of Major Charles A. Spotts, the third defense witness who declared most of the army air equipment was "obsolete, not obsolete."

Major Gen. Graves, member of the Court interrupted the proceedings and asked a conference of his colleagues after which it was announced the court would proceed taking evidence according to the plans of the defense.

L. W. Regan who has been a member of the crew of the U. S. Fishery vessel Widgeon the past several months, has signed on as a member of the crew of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads vessel Highway and will make the trip to Seattle and return, leaving tomorrow morning.

### CARNEGIE HERO AWARDS GIVEN BY COMMISSION

Four Silver Medals, 28 Bronze Medals Awarded Besides Money Pensions.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 9.—Thirty-two acts of heroism in the commission of which 14 lost their lives were recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission at its fall meeting here. Two girls were among those to receive medals.

Four silver medals and 28 bronze medals were awarded in addition to \$7,250 annually to the dependents of the heroes who met death. The commission also awarded \$2,355 to be applied as it may sanction; \$1,700 to disabled heroes; and \$2,000 for other worthy purposes. For educational purposes, \$8,000 was set aside, and in ten cases, \$8,500 was awarded for worthy purposes.

The 15 heroes who made the supreme sacrifice are:

William D. Waldo, 910 South

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### Civic Improvement Plans in Kansas City Ask \$27,000,000

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 9.—To speed civic improvements Kansas City proposes to spend \$27,000,000 within the next few years.

Voters will have an opportunity December 3 to act upon 25 bond proposals adopted by the City Council.

To cope with growing traffic congestion an expenditure of \$7,500,000 is proposed for opening and widening traffic ways. This is the largest single item, but other proposals bring the traffic bill up to more than \$11,000,000.

Parks and beautification would cost another \$7,600,000, with more than \$4,000,000 to the spent in acquiring and beautifying the section around the Union Station and the Liberty Memorial, which has been